Extention and modernisation of Shivaji Terminus station

3500. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for extention and modernisation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to develop Carnac Bunder (Mumbai CST) as a world class station through Public Private Partnership by leveraging the surplus land around and air space above the station.

(c) Does not arise.

New rail link between Jallandhar-Ferozepur and Amritsar-Khemkaran

3501. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a request from the State of Punjab for new rail link between Jallandhar-Ferozepur and Amritsar-Khemkaran;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) by when this new rail link would be approved and the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A request has been received for connecting Jallandhar-Firozepur and Amritsar-Khemkaran rail line. The survey for providing the connectivity has been taken up. Further action in the matter will be decided once the survey reports become available.

Attachment of Nanded division to Central Railway

3502. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has been requesting for attachment of Nanded railway division to the Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken up into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Demand has been received from Very Important Persons (VIPs) including Chief Minister of Maharashtra for shifting the Nanded Railway division from South Central Railway to Central Railway.